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Sixth Sunday of Easter



John 5:13

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his

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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

GATHERING

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Litany for “Rachel’s Day”

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt...

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under...

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Voice: I weep for our children who are no more.

C: How can we be comforted?

Voice: I weep for all children whose lives have been violently taken.

C: How can we be comforted?

Voice: I weep for all youths who in violence have taken their own lives.

C: How can we be comforted?

Voice: I weep for parents and families who grieve the loss of children.

C: How can we be comforted?

Voice: I weep because of violence in our homes, our towns, our cities.

C: How can we be comforted?

Voice: I cry out for hope for our children.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Voice: I cry out for safety for our families.

C: Christ, have mercy.

Voice: I cry out for peace in our towns and cities.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Let us pray.

Silence for reflection

P: God of peace, God of mercy, you weep with us for children lost to violence, for parents and families who grieve, for towns and cities torn apart by conflict and cruelty. Lord, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred we may sow love; where there is discord, union; where there is despair, hope; so that violence may end and your will be done. This we ask through your Son, the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died a violent death, then rose again so that all who die in him will be raised to eternal life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* **Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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*** Greeting**

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** Canticle**

This Is the Feast

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C: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast...

**2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast...

**3. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast...

**4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.**

This is the feast...

*** Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: *Acts 10:44-48*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: *1 John 5:1-6*

L: A reading from the first letter of John.

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** Gospel: *John 15:9-17***

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another. [ESV]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn**

Beautiful Savior

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*** Nicene Creed**

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Leona Block, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Ethan, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Glen Hagemann, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Michelle, Maci Diffenderfer and Jim DeMontigny Jr..

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. .

C: Amen.

MEAL

Peace

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting ...

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: ... grace our table with your presence:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us :

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Amen.

Lamb of God

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Communion

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing*

Post-Communion Prayer

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P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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*** Dismissal**

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karen Niemeier

Today,

Chime Practice

from 10:45-11:15

Choir will practice

from 11:15-11:45

Good Shepherd Piece Corps Quilting Group

Every Wednesday 8:30am –11:30am

Property Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6th at 6:00pm

Friendship Club

Thursday, May 9th, 12:30pm

Entertainment Glenda Linneman

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, May 9th 6:30pm

Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, May 25th at 4:30pm.

Attendance April 21st

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